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New Literature

OLD TESTAMENT

BOOKS

VERNON, A. W. *The Religious Value of the Old Testament in the Light of Modern Scholarship.* New York: Crowell, 1907. Pp. 81. \$0.90.

This is just the book for which many thoughtful people have long been looking. It furnishes an answer to the question: "How does the adoption of the principles and methods of the historical school affect the Old Testament as a guide and inspiration for life?" The answer is most emphatically to the effect that from the new point of view the Old Testament is far more valuable than it ever was from the old. The discussion is concise, clear, and interesting, and should be read by every minister and Bible student.

GIESEBRECHT, F. *Das Buch Jeremia* übersetzt und erklärt. Zweite völlig umgearbeitete Auflage. [Handkommentar zum Alten Testament.] Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1907. Pp. xlii+259. M. 7.

The thirteen years since the publication of the first edition of Giesebrecht's commentary on Jeremiah have seen the addition of several valuable contributions to the Jeremiah literature, and a great advance in the criticism and interpretation of that prophecy. A second edition has therefore been prepared in the light of the more recent publications, and the result is a thoroughly revised commentary, from a conservatively progressive scholar, which should be in the libraries of all who are able to make use of it.

LÖHR, MAX. *Die Klagelieder des Jeremias* übersetzt und erklärt. Zweite

umgearbeitete Auflage. [Handkommentar zum Alten Testament.] Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1907. Pp. xvi+32. M. 1.

A new edition of one of the best commentaries on Lamentations.

ARTICLES

LOVEJOY, A. O. *The Origins of Ethical Inwardness in Jewish Thought.* *American Journal of Theology*, April, 1907. Pp. 229-50.

A thoughtful study of post-exilic Judaism, aiming to trace the process by which ethical good came to be loved and prized for its own sake, rather than slavishly wrought out because required by external authority. The weakness of the article is in its absolutely ignoring the "new covenant" of the Book of Jeremiah.

SCHOLZ, A. *Eine Hypothese über Gen., Kapp. 1. 2. 4. 5.* *Theologische Quartalschrift*, March, 1907. Pp. 161-226.

A very ingenious and original hypothesis concerning the significance of Gen., chaps. 1. 2. 4. 5. The method is allegorizing run wild. For example, the story of creation is not intended as a narrative of the origin of the physical universe, but as a six-fold description of the one great creative day wherein the supra-physical world of men and angels came into being, and of the one great divine rest-day thereupon following, which signifies eternity. This is doing away with the conflict between Genesis and Science, no doubt; but it at once introduces a new conflict between Genesis and common-sense.

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ALLEN, W. C. *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Gospel according to St. Matthew.* (*International Critical Commentary.*) New York: Scribner, 1907. Pp. xcvi+338.

This important work exhibits the well-known critical qualities of the International series, and

should claim a leading place among commentaries on the First Gospel. The gospel is shown to owe its name to the discourse source, which together with Mark, entered into its composition, probably between 65 and 75 A.D.

MACLAREN, ALEX. *The Gospel according to St. Mark.* (*Expositions of Holy Scripture.*) New York: Armstrong,

1907. Vol. I, chap. 1-8, pp. 339. Vol. II, chap. 9-16, pp. 320.

MACLAREN, ALEX. The Acts of the Apostles, 1:1-12:17. (Expositions of Holy Scripture.) New York: Armstrong, 1907. Pp. viii+398.

Dr. Maclaren's imposing work is less a commentary on the Bible than a series of homiletical expositions, full of insight and suggestiveness, based upon selected texts.

VÖLTER, DANIEL. Mater Dolorosa und der Lieblingsjünger des Johannes-evangeliums. Mit einem Anhang über die Komposition dieses Evangeliums. Strassburg: Heitz, 1907. Pp. 30.

Völter undertakes to show that by the "beloved disciple" of the Fourth Gospel John Mark is meant, and hopes to find in this supposed fact the key to the Johannine problem. In an appendix Völter exhibits what he considers to be the passages belonging to the original form of the Fourth Gospel, which was later rewrought into our Gospel of John.

LIETZMANN, HANS. Die Briefe des Apostols Paulus. An die Römer. [Lietzmann's Handbuch zum Neuen Testament III, 1.] Tübingen: Mohr, 1906. Pp. 80. M. 1.50.

Lietzmann's commentary on Romans presents a careful translation of the epistle into German, accompanied by concise yet scholarly notes on the same page with the text. There is an occasional brief excursus, as upon Flesh and Spirit, and the chapter of greetings (16), which Lietzmann recognizes as an integral part of the epistle. The notes seem to be especially strong lexicographically and there are abundant references to other commentaries, special treatises, and original sources.

The Fifth Gospel, being the Pauline Interpretation of the Christ. By the Author of 'The Faith of a Christian.' London: Macmillan, 1907. Pp. x+223. \$1.50.

A spirited and skilful sketch of the main elements in the religious experience and thought of Paul, psychologically investigated.

WENDLAND, PAUL. Die hellenistisch-römische Kultur in ihren Beziehungen zu Judentum und Christentum. (Bogen 1-6.) [Lietzmann's Handbuch zum Neuen Testament, I, 2.] Tübingen: Mohr, 1907. Pp. 96. M. 1.80.

The important relations sustained by Hellenistic and Roman civilization and religion to Judaism and Christianity are discussed with admirable comprehensiveness and grasp. This first part of Wendland's work brings his survey down to the religious history of imperial times.

RELATED SUBJECTS

BOOKS

BONWETSCH, G. N. Die unter Hippolyts Namen überlieferte Schrift über den Glauben. KOCH, HUGO. Vincenz von Lerin und Gennadius. KOCH, HUGO. Virgines Christi. [*Texte und Untersuchungen*, Dritte Reihe, Bd. I, Heft 2.] Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1907. Pp. 112. M. 3.50.

With Adolf Harnack and Carl Schmidt as general editors, *Texte und Untersuchungen* now enters upon its third series. From a Georgian manuscript Bonwetsch publishes a translation of a treatise "On Faith" ascribed to Hippolytus, but really belonging to the fourth century, and showing most affinity with the works of Evagrius and Didymus of Alexandria. Koch discusses the position of

virgins in the church in the Ante-Nicene time (Terullian to the Synod of Ancyra, 314 A. D.), showing that the virgin's vow was in these earliest times a private matter, not at all the rigid, ecclesiastical, irrevocable thing it later became.

BREASTED, J. H. Ancient Records of Egypt. Historical Documents from the Earliest Times to the Persian Conquest, Collected, Edited, and Translated with Commentary. Vol. V, Indices. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1907. Pp. ix+203. \$2.

This brings to completion Professor Breasted's monumental task. This volume of indices renders the vast store of materials in the four preceding volumes readily accessible, and is therefore a great saver of time and energy to the student.